

**REMARKS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

The Examiner stated on page 14 of the Office Action that claims 39 and 40 were "objected to" as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, each of the independent claims is amended herein to include the allowable features of claim 39. Claim 39 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-38 and 40 are now pending and allowable.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION**

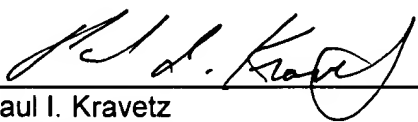
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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